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II. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

ANGOLA

[Original: English]

[20 September 1997]

1. The Government of the Republic of Angola has always opposed the economic blockade, and the trade and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America on the Republic of Cuba, in violation of the principles of international law and, on the several occasions when this question was discussed in international forums, particularly at the United Nations, Angola voted in favour of an unconditional lifting of such blockade, on the basis of a frank and constructive dialogue, for the benefit of the people of both countries.

2. The Government of the Republic of Angola realizes once again, to its great concern, that while in other parts of the world there are positive signs of the settlement of conflicts that in the recent past seemed to be unsolvable, the United States of America is reinforcing those measures aimed at strengthening the blockade, with consequences outside its territory.

3. In fact, the passage of the Helms-Burton Law, in addition to the heightened suffering of the Cuban people, also violates the free world trade rules and the sovereignty of other States and that should not be accepted under the present circumstances, at a time confrontation is giving place to dialogue. The recent measures announced by the President of the United States, which are supposed to mitigate the consequences of the Helms-Burton Law, aim principally at assuaging the concern of the international community, and in particular of the European Union, but do not have any concrete impact upon the Cuban people.

4. Thus, while the Government of the Republic of Angola regrets once again the fact that, in spite of the numerous General Assembly resolutions, among others, not one positive measure has been taken to lift the embargo, it urges the international community to cooperate with the United Nations in order to put an end, as soon as possible, to that blockade, whose main victims are thousands of human beings who are forced to make extraordinary sacrifices and see their social and economic development hindered.

GREECE

[Original: English]

[17 September 1997]

The reply of Greece has been given through the letter dated 19 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, on behalf of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the European Union (A/52/342, p. 24).

SURINAME

[Original: English]

[14 August 1997]

The Government of the Republic of Suriname has not promulgated or applied laws and measures of the kind referred to in the preamble to General Assembly resolution 51/17.

URUGUAY

[Original: Spanish]

[4 August 1997]

Uruguay has neither promulgated nor applied any law or regulation whose extraterritorial effects affect the sovereignty of other States and the legitimate interests of entities or persons under their jurisdiction, as well as the freedom of trade and navigation.